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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: CHELIK COMMENTS ON SBAS, NEW INITIATIVES, AND PLO

1. "TFSC" DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHELIK, ANSWERING QUESTIONS OF TURK CYPRIOT  
ASSEMBLY'S BUDGETARY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE JANUARY 13, BRIEFLY  
COMMENTED ON SBAS, NEW INITIATIVES, AND PLO. ASKED IF HE  
BELIEVED IN INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED AND DEMILITARIZED  
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CYPRUS STATE, CHELIK REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY AND NOTED THAT THE  
BASES ARE NOW ON THE SOUTH AND THERE ARE NO MEANS AT PRESENT TO  
REMOVE THEM. WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDERATED REPUBLIC HOWEVER,  
CHELIK SAID THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD TAKE UP THIS QUESTION.

2. REGARDING DEFENSE, CHELIK SAID ESTABLISHMENT OF A TURK  
CYPRIOT ARMY IS A NECESSITY WHICH WILL FREE TURKEY FROM

PRESSURE PUT ON IT. HE ADDED THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD TRY, THROUGH FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES, TO TAKE CYPRUS PROBLEM OUT OF TURKISH-AMERICAN AND TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS.

3. CHELIK ALSO NOTED THAT AN APPLICATION BY PLO TO OPEN A "BUREAU" IN "TFSC" WOULD BE ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE AND THAT THE "TFSC" WAS PREPARED TO EXTEND EVERY KIND OF HELP TO THE ORGANIZATION IN THIS RESPECT.

4. COMMENT: (A) AS 1) PLO HAS AN OFFICE IN GOC-CONTROLLED PART OF CYPRUS, 2) ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ACCESS TO THE NORTH, AND 3) ITS POSITION ON CYPRUS HAS BEEN RELATIVELY PRO-GOC, IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT PLO WOULD SEE MUCH POLITICAL OR DIPLO-

MATIC ADVANTAGE IN OPENING UP SECOND NICOSIA OFFICE AT THIS TIME. TURK CYPRIOT LEADERS PRIVATELY ARE WARY OF WHAT PLO PRESENCE IN NORTH MIGHT BRING IN TRAIN BUT PROBABLY MADE OFFER, KNOWING IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED, IN ORDER TO PUBLICLY BRING THEIR POLICY OF VIS-A-VIS PLO IN LINE WITH ANKARA'S AND TO GAIN SOME CHEAP CREDIT WITH ARAB COUNTRIES.

(B) REGARDING SBAS, BOTH COMMUNITIES HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT USUALLY IN A GENERALIZED AND NOT VERY SERIOUS WAY. CHELIK'S COMMENT THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD TAKE MATTER UP ONCE A FEDERAL REPUBLIC WAS ESTABLISHED, WHILE HARDLY A BINDING COMMITMENT, NEVERTHELESS USEFULLY HIGHLIGHTS LIKELIHOOD THAT IF THERE EVER IS A SETTLEMENT, THERE WILL BE INCREASED ON-ISLAND PRESSURES FOR MODIFICATION, IF NOT DISMANTLING, OF THE SBAS.

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